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An Overview of HPD's Legal Services and the Office of Budget and Finance



Deputy Director Craig E. Ferrell Jr., HPD Legal Services

Legal Services

Craig E. Ferrell Jr. is the Deputy Director of Legal Services Office for the Houston Police Department.

The office handles labor-related issues, disciplinary actions, internal affairs review, and health and safety issues including workers' compensation.

In addition, HPD Legal Services works in conjunction with the City Legal Department in handling all aspects of litigation including civil suits, EEOC complaints, and Open Records requests involving the City of Houston and the Police Department. These duties and activities include, but are not limited to, the collection of evidence, handling discovery, and obtaining depositions and affidavits.

The Legal Services office is also the department's custodian of records regarding the voluminous subpoenas received in which neither the department nor the City are named parties.

Legal Services also handles matters related to property disposition hearings held in the Municipal Courts.

Additionally, Legal Services plays a significant role in reviewing and proposing state legislation impacting the Police Department and the city.

Budget and Finance

Larry J. Yium is the Deputy Director of the Office of Budget and Finance for the Houston Police Department.

Budget and Finance has the overall responsibility of fiscal management for HPD. The office performs a wide variety of activities ranging from fiscal planning and staffing allocations to handling payroll and asset tracking.

The Office of Budget and Finance has several sections: Fiscal Services, Accounting Services, Fixed Assets, and Support Services.

Fiscal Services is responsible for the annual budget preparation and the management of department funds. It also assists in the acquisition of goods and services through contracts, requisitions, or departmental P-cards.

Accounting Services handles payroll disbursements (including overtime), payment of the department's bills, tracking and disbursing revenues from various funding sources, and coordinating business with the city.

The Fixed Assets group tracks tangible department assets. The list currently numbers over 50,000 items.

The Support Services group is charged with the creation of special contracts and the administration of department wide contracts such as cellular telephones and the rental of undercover vehicles.



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Chief's Column

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th of each year as National Police Officer Memorial Day. The entire week is set aside to recognize the excellence and professionalism of law enforcement. Police Week will be observed this year from May 13-19.

The Houston Police Department's observance of Police Week will begin on Tuesday, May 14 at 10 a.m. with the annual Police Week awards ceremony. This is when the department recognizes officers, civilian employees, and citizens who have made significant contributions to policing. The ceremony will be held at the High School for Law Enforcement at 4701 Dickson and North Shepherd Drive.

On Wednesday, May 15 at 10 a.m. the Ministers Against Crime will hold a prayer service at 61 Riesner.

Police Week will conclude with a memorial service on Friday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Houston Police Officers' Memorial monument at 2400 Memorial Drive. The names of the following officers will be read during the memorial roll call:



- Officer Dennis E. Holmes (Auto Theft) died on January 10, 2001
- Officer Alberto Vasquez (Westside) died on May 22, 2001
- Officer Keith Dees (Traffic and Accident) died on March 7, 2002

This year's service will include the presentation of the annual Memorial Wreath, a 21-gun salute, and a fly-over by HPD helicopters.

I invite all employees of the Houston Police Department and the citizens of Houston to join me during Police Week at one or more of the scheduled activities.

Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Participate in Clean-Up

The Houston Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association will participate in the "Adopt a County Mile" program with a clean-up of the roads around the L.D. Morrison Police Training Academy on Saturday, May 18, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m. The project occurs every four months and requires about a dozen people to pick up litter around the academy.

"It is rewarding to know that for less than a couple of hours of work, our volunteers are responsible for making the area around the academy presentable for all visitors," said HCPAAA president David L. Wolfe.

Anyone interested in helping with the "Adopt a County Mile" volunteer clean-up can contact Charles Billingsley at (713) 729-1546.

HPD Employees Invited To Attend City of Houston Health Fair

An employee health fair will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2002, for all City of Houston employees at the George R. Brown Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is being held to encourage employees to have healthy lifestyles and engage in an exercise program. There will be free cholesterol, high blood pressure, and osteoporosis screenings.

Parking and admission are free for HPD employees displaying their department identification badges. For more information, call the HPD Wellness Center at (713) 308-1298.



Lynn B. Clooney Award Presented to HPD Officer

Officer Stanley Shuman (North Patrol) is the recipient of the 2002 Lynn B. Clooney Award presented by the Houston Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association.

Officer Shuman was recognized for his successful development of the "Hot Spot Program," which was used to combat narcotics problems in north Houston in the late 1980s. The program is now used throughout HPD and other law enforcement agencies around the country.

"Captains were getting complaints from the community," said Officer Shuman. "I decided to come up with a uniform unit that would take a 'zero tolerance' policy on narcotics. In a month's time, we had tremendous success," he added. At the end of its first six weeks, 1204 citations had been issued and 234 arrests had been made.

"We chose Officer Shuman because of his dedication," said Billie Richey, first vice-president of HCPAAA. "He went above and beyond what a police officer does," said Ms. Richey.

The award is named for Lynn B. Clooney, a founding member of the Houston Citizens' Police Academy who died of cancer while serving as president of the alumni association in 1993.



Houston Police Officer Stanley Shuman (North Patrol) was presented with the Lynn B. Clooney Award in April. Pictured with Officer Shuman are Houston Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association President David Wolfe and Chief C.O. Bradford.

This Month in HPD History: April

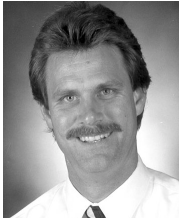
Several milestones occurred throughout HPD over the years during the month of April. In an unusual change of events, Chief of Police George Ellis was the first Houston police chief to be *elected* to the position on April 8, 1902.

April is thought to be the first time a Houston peace officer was killed in the line of duty. The officer's full name has never been determined and he is referred to in historical documents only as "Mr. Way," according to Officer Denny Hair, curator of the Houston Police Department Museum located at the L.D. Morrison Police Training Academy. "Mr. Way" is thought to be one of the two original constables appointed to keep peace in Houston in 1838. He was killed by a former military officer who stabbed him following a disturbance inside a brothel.

Downtown traffic was a problem years ago, just as it is today. On April 20, 1927, twenty horses were purchased for the department so that officers could direct traffic from horseback. The program only lasted for two years. Chief Charles McPhail thought foot patrols were a more efficient way of handling traffic problems and on April 29, 1929, the Mounted Traffic Squad was abolished. Chief McPhail also abolished the rank of Policewoman in April 1929. At that time there was only one female officer in the department: Eva Jane Bacher.

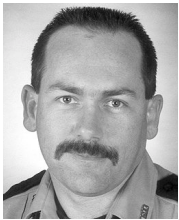
The 100 Club Honors Seven HPD Officers

The 100 Club will hold its annual awards banquet on May 18, 2002, to honor local peace officers. Once again, the Houston Police Department is well represented:



Sergeant Bill Stephens

Sergeant Bill Stephens (Narcotics) – Officer of the Year. Through countless hours of investigation and superb police work, Sergeant Stephens and two other law enforcement officers identified nine suspects involved in the drug-related deaths of fifteen area residents in a thirty-hour period last August. Eight suspects were arrested within ten days. All nine pled guilty.

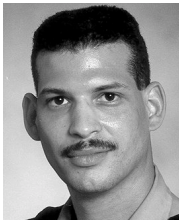


Sergeant Cullen Bean

Sergeant Cullen Bean (Central) and Officer Michael Lumpkin (Central) – Officer of the Year. Both men risked their lives rescuing citizens trapped in raging floodwaters in White Oak Bayou during Tropical Storm Allison. Sergeant Bean and Officer Lumpkin have already received several awards for their heroism.



Officer Michael Lumpkin

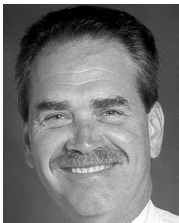


Officer Enrique Duharte-Tur

Officer Enrique Duharte-Tur (Westside) and Officer Alberto Vasquez (Westside) – Officer of the Year. Last May, these longtime partners arrested several narcotics suspects. One suspect pulled a gun from a leg cast and fatally shot Officer Vasquez. Officer Duharte-Tur rushed to his partner's aid and was shot several times. The suspect was caught. Officer Duharte-Tur spent a month in intensive care and is still recovering from his injuries.

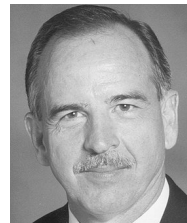


Officer Alberto Vasquez



Officer Terry Bratton

Officer Terry Bratton (Training) and Officer Jim Conley (Training) – Lifetime Achievement Award. Best known for establishing the HPD Officer Safety Awareness Program, these two men are nationally recognized and have helped train thousands of police officers across the country. With a combined 56 years of experience at HPD, there is no doubt the efforts of Officers Bratton and Conley have helped prevent serious injury and loss of life to peace officers throughout America.



Officer Jim Conley

Training Conference Zeroes In On Homeland Security

It is not too late to register for the Women in Law Enforcement (WILE) 2002 Training Conference on April 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brentwood Baptist Church, 13033 Landmark. This year, there will be general sessions on Homeland Defense, while breakout sessions will include Undercover Operations and the Female Officer, Domestic Violence, Officer Safety for the Female Officer, and Continuing Education.

Speakers include Judge Belinda Hill, who presided over the Andrea Yates trial, and Houston Comets Coach Van Chancellor. To register, please contact your Training Coordinator.